GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1822
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2001
MINING NEAR HERITAGE SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any of the heritage sites in the country are under threat of destruction due to unmindful mining being carried out in its surrounding areas;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Government are aware that the `Pandavan Para`, in Idukki District (Kerala) is facing peril due to indiscriminate granite mining in the surrounding areas;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The steps being taken/proposed to be taken to protect these sites?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)&(b) As per available information, the number of centrally protected sites facing threat from mining activities in their vicinity are given in the annexure.

(c)to (e) The site in district Thiruvanathapurm is protected by the State Department of Archaeology. The quarrying licences in the area surrounding the site were issued to a private party by the State Mining and Geology Department. On an objection by the State Department of Archaeology, the licence was cancelled. The private party has since obtained a stay from the Hon`ble High Court of Kerala.

ANNEXTURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1822 FOR 29.11.20

DETAILS OF CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENTS THREATENED BY MINING/QUARRYING ACTIVITIES IN SURROUNDING AREAS

S.No.	Name of Monument	Locality/State
1.	Sapta Matrika Caves	Badoh Pathari, Madhya Pradesh
2.	Jain Temple	Badoh Pathari, Madhya Pradesh
3.	Dasavatar Temple	Badoh Pathari, Madhya Pradesh
4.	Eight Natural Caverns	Kulatur, Pudukkottai, Tamilnadu
5.	Pre-historic Burial Site	Ammachatram, Purukkottai, Tamilnadu
6.	Kadambarkoil, Narthamalai (Northern side of the hills)	Pudukkotai, Tamilnadu
7	Rock cut Siva and Vishnu Temple	Malayadipatti, Pudukkottai, Tamilnadu
8.	Sikkanathasamy Temple,	Kudumianmalai ,Pudukkottai, Tamilnadu
9.	Siva Temple	Thodaiyur, Pudukkottai, Tamilnadu

10. Excavated Site Udaigiri, Jajpur, Orissa.